

Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj Gen. Kenneth L. Farmer, Jr., M.D., USA, Deputy Surgeon General, USA; Jeanne B. Fites, Deputy Under Secretary (Program Integration); and James C. Reardon, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System; Frances M. Murphy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health Policy Coordination, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN—IMPROVED MONITORING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Improved Monitoring of Vulnerable Children. Testimony was heard from Representative DeLay; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District, for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing from the CIA and DIA on assessment of the current situation in Iraq, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1531, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall, and the nominations of Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to be immediately followed by a hearing on improving the corporate governance of the NYSE, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine drug importation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the role of professional organizations like accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions in developing, marketing and implementing tax shelters, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine the August 2003 Northeast blackouts and the federal role in managing the nation's electricity, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003, a report entitled "Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum;" and a draft report entitled "Everything Secret Degenerates: The FBI's Use of Murderers as Informants;" followed by a hearing on Knives, Box Cutters and Bleach: A Review of Passenger Screener Training, Testing and Supervision, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "The Future Challenges of Autism: A Survey of the Ongoing Initiatives in the Federal Government to Address the Epidemic," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on 527 Organizations and Soft Money: Federal Elections in a Post-BCRA World, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Human Rights Violations Under Saddam Hussein: Victims Speak Out, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Homeland Security—the Balance Between Crisis and Consequence Management through Training and Assistance," including discussion of the following bills: H.R. 2512, First Responders Funding Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003; and H.R. 3158, Preparing America to Respond Effectively Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Lowering the Cost of Doing Business in the United States: How to Keep Our Companies Here," 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Financing Port Infrastructure—Who Should Pay? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Non-Profit Credit Counseling Organizations, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, to mark up H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.